

CJSB Correctional Services Sub-committee Meeting
DCJS – 10th Floor Conference Room
May 27, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members: Sheriff Beth Arthur (via telephone); Mr. Christopher Webb; Mr. Sherman Vaughn, Sr.; Lt. Jerri Smith; Mr. Walter McFarlane.

Staff: Ms. Janice Waddy, Ms. Carol-Lee Raimo; Ms. Paula Harpster; Ms. Jana Braswell; Mr. Dan Catley

I. Call to Order

Mr. Dan Catley called the meeting of the CJSB Correctional Services Sub-Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009. The sub-committee was convened for the sole purpose of reviewing grant applications in four (4) different funding streams.

Chairwoman, Sheriff Beth Arthur attended via telephone. She elected not to chair the meeting since she was not physically present and Mr. Webb volunteered to chair. Everyone agreed to his being Chair.

II. Review of Grant Program Applications/Staff Recommendations

A. The Comprehensive Community Corrections Act (CCCA)/Pretrial Services Act

Mr. Catley and Ms. Harpster explained to the Committee that in addition to the \$21,286,293 for the CCCA/PSA awards, there is an additional amount of \$1.5 million in state GF for new pretrial positions to be allotted to existing pretrial agencies that the subcommittee would need to make decisions on.

The grant announcement for this additional money was sent to all pretrial agencies on April 20 and the grants were due back to DCJS on May 15th. 29 agencies applied for this grant. The maximum amount was \$60,000 per FTE for a total of 24 FTEs. 23 agencies applied for a total of 30 positions but only 24 were awarded to the following:

Albemarle	James City
Chesterfield	Loudoun
Fairfax	Lynchburg
Fauquier	Norfolk (2)
Frederick	Prince George
Fredericksburg	Pulaski
Greensville	Richmond
Halifax	Rockingham
Hampton	Salem
Hanover	Staunton
Henrico	Virginia Beach (2)

Fredericksburg, Hampton, Pulaski, and Richmond each applied for 2 positions but the staff recommended reducing them to one as the application did not justify two positions; Virginia Beach applied for 3 positions, but staff recommended awarding only 2 positions for the same

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reason. Prince William applied for one position, but this was not recommended as the application did not meet the requirements to increase pretrial placements and they were applying to fund the intensive pretrial program which is not state funded. Six pretrial agencies that were eligible did not apply for additional funding: Alexandria, Arlington, Chesapeake, Gloucester, Mecklenburg and Portsmouth.

Recusals: Sheriff Beth Arthur – Arlington

The block of CCCA/PSA grants was approved for \$21,286,293 as recommended. The additional \$1.5 million for pretrial was approved as recommended for the 23 agencies to receive support for new pretrial staff.

B. Offender Reentry and Transition Services Program (ORTS)

Ms. Raimo explained to the Committee that these are ongoing level funded grants. The only change to note was the grant program was returning to the title “PAPIS Virginia Prisoner Reentry Program.”

Mr. Catley explained that after 25 years of continuing funding, this constituency is well practiced and consistent in the quality of their applications and the operations of their programs.. In addition, PAPIS formed new partnerships with DOC to assist with their pre-release programs at selected jails and have become the transition programs of choice with the Governor’s Reentry Pilot Council sites.

Motion to approve grants was made by **Mr. McFarlane** and Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

Recusals: OAR - Arlington – Sheriff Beth Arthur

The block of PAPIS grants was approved as recommended.

C. Byrne/JAG

Ms. Janice Waddy explained that DCJS was informed, only the previous Friday, regarding the Byrne yearly allocation. Therefore, announcements would go out late. Ms Waddy explained that Virginia received \$24.2 in Recovery Act Funds but that those funds were allotted by action of the 2009 General Assembly.

Ms. Waddy explained that 118 smaller localities would receive \$368,000 leaving \$23.9M and out of that \$23.3M would go to the Compensation Board to fill 611 full-time positions and 74 part-time Sheriff’s Office positions throughout the Commonwealth. An additional \$514,800 may be awarded to restore funding to a transitional therapeutic community like Gemeinschaft Home.

Ms. Waddy will be sending out announcements via e-mail to tell continuation grantees to prepare their applications but that the review and award process would be delayed.

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Mr. Catley informed Committee that he did not anticipate any continuation grants not being qualified for funding.

D. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program

Mr. Catley stated that over the past five years, the program funding was reduced from \$2.5 million down to \$217,000. Of the 3 current RSAT grants, two will end this year. Mr. Catley informed Committee that the City of Petersburg is about to end their 2nd year. The program is working effectively. Their reports have been timely. They received a 25% match of City funds. They have implemented an interesting new component, Puppy Pals, which engages TC participants in training and preparing “rescued” dogs for placement with local families. The program is pleased with the participant’s constructive and enthusiastic engagement with this activity. Mr. Catley requested Committee approval of grant. Mr. Catley suggested to the sub-committee that due to diminished federal RSAT, DCJS may not choose to initiate new jail-based programs with future RSAT awards to Virginia. Instead, DCJS will likely solicit applications from previous RSAT-funded therapeutic communities at DOC and DJJ, to update training materials.

A motion came from the Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Webb seconded the motion. None opposed.

The RSAT grant was approved as recommended.

III. Public Comment:

None. No “public” attendees were present throughout the duration of the meeting.

IV. Meeting adjourned.

With no further business at hand, adjournment was approved by unanimous voice vote at 11:30 AM.